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In re application of :  
Yutaka YAMAGATA et al. : Attn: BOX PCT  
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PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PROTEIN POWDER  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, immediately after the title, please insert:

7 This application is a 371 of PCT/JP00/06303 filed September 14, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel without prejudice claim 19.